

Launches online ideas page and announces plans for small business town hall

New Jersey - Today, Congressman John Adler called on local business leaders to submit their ideas on how to improve the small business economy in our area. In recent months, Congressman Adler successfully introduced and passed two pieces of legislation to help small businesses, and is urging local leaders to let him know what else can be done to spur small business growth.

"As our economy begins to rebound, it is crucial that our small businesses have the opportunity to grow and prosper," said Congressman John Adler, a member of the House Financial Services Committee. "Small businesses often face specific hurdles in rebuilding or expanding their businesses, and I look forward to our continued work together to keep and create jobs for hard-working Americans."

Congressman Adler reached out to local small business owners and community leaders today for ideas, suggestions, and concerns. All ideas should be submitted to business.ideas@mail.house.gov, and updates will be posted online. Congressman Adler also announced that he will host a town hall in February that will focus on small businesses and the economy.

"On behalf of our local businesses, I want to thank Congressman Adler for reaching out to us and inviting ideas and suggestions. Congressman Adler consistently fights to help small businesses grow and create jobs in our area. We all appreciate the opportunity to bring specific ideas to the Congressman's attention." -- Rick Reynolds, Executive Director, Southern Ocean Chamber of Commerce

"Some of our members face new challenges every day as they work to keep their business open. Many of the issues, such as the long waits for loans that often delay the opening of new businesses, should be fixed. I am looking forward to working with Congressman Adler and other local business owners to fix these issues and keep our businesses open." -- Mark Morgan, President of the Moorestown Business Association, and Producing Artistic Director of the Moorestown Theater Company.

Congressman Adler Fighting for Small Business:

During the last year, Congressman Adler met frequently with his small business advisory board

and hosted numerous business summits and two energy expos to connect local business owners and community leaders with state and federal agencies.

Recently, Congressman Adler introduced and passed two bills that will help small businesses by removing unnecessary and burdensome regulations:

- HR 3763, a bipartisan bill that will exempt small businesses from the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Guidelines. This bill protects small medical service providers, accounting and law firms from implementing unnecessary identity theft regulations.
- A bipartisan amendment to permanently exempt certain small businesses from cost prohibitive regulations by amending section 404(b) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act. This exemption will encourage small businesses to go public on American exchanges and spur job creation.